

"The riches of a Commonwealth  
Are free, strong minds, and hearts of health."

To insure such riches intelligent examination of the children at stated intervals is absolutely necessary.

The State Board deserves the unqualified support of the General Assembly in its campaign against quacks and quackery. The law requires a man to have a diploma from a first-class medical college, and to stand a rigid examination before the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, before he is allowed to write a single prescription for a patient in North Carolina. And yet we permit the sale of nostrums to our people without any adequate knowledge of whether or not they are injurious to health or have any medicinal value whatever.

I am in favor of a law making it a felony for any man to sell, offer for sale, or advertise for sale in North Carolina any proprietary or patent medicine purporting to cure cancer, consumption, diabetes, paralysis, epilepsy, Bright's disease, or any other disease for which the North Carolina Medical Association and the American Medical Association declare that no cure has been discovered.

I am earnestly in favor of a law requiring all vendors of proprietary medicines to file with the State Board of Health a statement showing the exact composition of such medicines, and that the State Board be empowered to forbid the sale of such proprietary medicines in the State of North Carolina if in its opinion it is without curative value in the treatment of the disease it purports to cure.

A bill is being prepared by our Health Department that will deal fully and adequately with this subject, and I give to this bill my most emphatic indorsement.

#### ABSENTEE VOTING

The General Assembly should, without fail, make provision for our citizens whose work keeps or carries them away from home, to participate in our elections. There is no constitutional difficulty in the way of such a law, and every consideration of justice and expediency favors it.

#### ROTATION IN OFFICE

The genius of Democracy is as much opposed to monopoly of office as to any other kind of monopoly. In order to have a government by the people there should be occasional changes in the individuals who administer public affairs. It is written in our State Constitution that a Governor cannot succeed himself, and the refusal of Washington to serve as President more than two terms so appealed to the judgment of the American people that it has become an unwritten law.